



Erie Coyote Crew Members Volunteer Position Description

Major Objective: Volunteers help provide valuable information to Erie residents about how to live responsibly with their wild neighbors and protect their pets.

Program Description: Coyote Crew members in Erie will assist the District Wildlife Manager (DWM) in educating community members on how to co-exist with coyotes and will respond to situations involving coyote interactions with people.

Training: **Training is required to participate in this project.** Topics include coyote biology and behavior, coyote-specific research, legal issues, communication techniques, CPW messages, hazing, and more!

Duties/Responsibilities:

- DWMs will most likely request your help soon after a human-coyote incident occurs; you must respond whether or not you can help (i.e. return calls please!)
- Canvassing neighborhoods, parks, “hot spots,” etc. distributing information to individual homes and speaking one-on-one with the public
- Contacting local pet stores, veterinary clinics, etc. and distributing coyote materials
- Help prepare packets for distribution, via mail or door-to-door
- Place temporary signs in neighborhoods or parks
- Staff booths at community events or festivals
- Assist DWM with public presentations, community meetings, etc.
- Participating in the annual training/meeting for updates, new materials, etc.
- Representing the DOW in a professional and responsible manner in keeping with Division messages while in appropriate volunteer uniform
- Maintaining respect when interacting with the public and remaining calm in intense situations
- Haze coyotes as appropriate
- Other tasks as assigned

Logistics and Time Commitment: Ideally, Crew Members should have flexible availability to respond to calls from District Wildlife Managers concerning immediate human-wildlife incidents. **Crew Members are required to contribute at least 2 - 4 hours of service a month, February – September (contacted as needed, October – January).**

Benefits: CPW Volunteers contributing 10+ hours in a year receive an invitation to the annual banquet in Denver or Fort Collins. After 25 hours volunteers receive a wildlife t-shirt unique to that year and more, depending on how many hours were submitted. Particular projects may receive specific gifts as well. And of course, volunteers are satisfied knowing they are helping wildlife!

Potential Risks: Situations could involve emotionally-charged interactions with the public.

Qualifications:

- Ability to represent CPW's policies concerning wildlife issues
- Patience and ability to stay calm in emotionally-charged situations
- Good listening skills
- Exceptional communication skills
- Flexible schedule
- Ability to travel locally (within Erie) to respond to calls
- Must be self-motivated and self-directed
- Dependability and excel at working individually or as a team member
- Outstanding decision-making skills and judgment
- Passion for educating others regarding wildlife and co-existing with wildlife

Contact: Please contact District Wildlife Manager Kristin Cannon, kristin.cannon@state.co.us, by January 7th if you are interested in being on the crew. The training will be scheduled in January based on volunteers' schedules and availability.